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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA FOURTH COMMITTEE: SPANISH SAHARA

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1. ANALYSIS OF VOTING PATTERN ON SPANISH SAHARA RESOLUTIONS IN FOURTH COMMITTEE DECEMBER 4, IS FASCINATING EXERCISE. AS ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL, GHANA REPRESENTATIVE HAD MOVED TO REVERSE PRIORITY OF MOROCCAN-INSPIRED SENEGAL RESOLUTION. THAT MOTION SUCCEEDED, 44-40(US)-48. SUBSEQUENTLY, TANZANIAN RESOLUTION PASSED, 84-3-42(US). KENYA THEN PROPOSED TO DEFER VOTE ON MOROCCAN-INSPIRED SENEGAL RESOLUTION UNTIL 31ST UNGA. THAT PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED, 38-62(US)-32. THEREAFTER, BENIN PROPOSED SEPARATE VOTES ON OPERATIVE PARAS 1, 3, AND 4 (AS A GROUP) OF MOROCCAN-INSPIRED SENEGAL RESOLUTION AND ON OPERATIVE PARA 2. OPERATIVE PARAS 1, 3, AND 4 WERE ADOPTED AS A GROUP, 46(US)-37-49. OPERATIVE PARA 2 WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, AND RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS ADOPTED, 48(US)-32-52.

2. AMONG OTHER ELEMENTS, VOTES SHOWED DEEPEST DIVISION AMONG  
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AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH WE CAN RECALL. ON VOTE TO REVERSE

PRIORITY, FORTY-SIX OAU AFRICANS WERE SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE, WITH TWENTY-FIVE SUPPORTING REVERSAL, AND REMAINDER VOTING AGAINST, ABSTAINING, OR ABSENT. SOVIET BLOC, WHOSE ABSTENTIONS WERE IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS OF SENEGAL RESOLUTION (IN SUPPORT OF MOROCCO), ABSTAINED ON PRIORITY MOTION. (IN PLENARY ACTION, SOV BLOC SWITCHED TO NEGATIVE VOTE ON MOROCCAN RES.) THEY DID NOT, HOWEVER, BRING ALONG SEVERAL STATES IN AFRICA WELL DISPOSED TO SOVIETS, WHO CHOSE TO REVERSE PRIORITY. FURTHER, CUBA VOTED TO REVERSE PRIORITY, AND ROMANIA WAS ABSENT ON VOTE. PERU, YUGOSLAVIA AND SRI LANKA SOUGHT REVERSAL; INDIA AND INDONESIA ABSTAINED. ONLY ARABS TO SUPPORT REVERSAL WERE ALGERIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, AND SOMALIA. LIBYA AND SYRIA WERE ABSENT THROUGHOUT THE DAY. CHINA DID "NOT PARTICIPATE" IN THIS OR LATER VOTES, DESCRIBING HER POSITION TO US AS BEING ONE IN WHICH SHE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE WHEN THERE ARE SPLITS WITHIN AFRICAN GROUP. AS MOROCCANS HAD FEARED, CARIBBEAN STATES GENERALLY SUPPORTED REVERSAL OF PRIORITY. EUROPEANS TO DO SO WERE FINLAND, GREECE, ICELAND, NORWAY, AND SWEDEN. SPAIN OPPOSED REVERSAL. MOST LATINS ABSTAINED.

2. ON TANZANIA RES, WHICH SUPPORTED ALGERIA, ONLY COUNTRIES TO GO AGAINST WERE CAR, GUATEMALA, AND ISRAEL. MOST LATINS ABSTAINED. OTHER ABSTAINERS INCLUDED BAHRAIN, CANADA, EGYPT, FRANCE, FRG, IRAN, IRAQ, JAPAN, JORDAN, LUXEMBOURG, OMAN, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, SPAIN, SUDAN, TUNISIA, UAE, AND SEVEN OTHER AFRICAN STATES. SOCIALIST COUNTRIES VOTED FOR; ROMANIA WAS ABSENT, AS WAS ALBANIA.

3. ON MOTION TO POSTPONE SENEGAL RES VOTE, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AGAIN ABSTAINED, AS DID MOST LATIN AMERICANS. NUMBER OF ASIANS OPPOSED POSTPONEMENT, AS DID EUROPEANS. CUBA AND YUGOSLAVIA VOTED TO POSTPONE, HOWEVER, AND ROMANIA WAS ABSENT. EUROPEANS VOTED AGAINST WITH EXCEPTIONS OF FINLAND, ICELAND, NORWAY, AND SWEDEN, WHICH VOTED FOR. AFRICANS WHO VOTED FOR TANZANIA RES GENERALLY VOTED FOR THIS MOTION.

4. ON SENEGAL RESOLUTION AS WHOLE, SAME COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED FOR OPERATIVE PARAS 1, 3, AND 4 GENERALLY VOTED

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FOR RESOLUTION AS WHOLE. AGAIN, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ABSTAINED, WITH EXCEPTION OF CUBA WHICH VOTED NO, AND ROMANIA WHICH WAS ABSENT. YUGOSLAVIA VOTED NO. ON RES AS A WHOLE, AFRICANS WERE SPLIT (11 FOR AND 22 AGAINST). INTERESTINGLY, GUINEA-BISSAU ABSTAINED WHILE GHANA VOTED NO. MOROCCANS PICKED UP SUPPORT IN ASIA (INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA). ARABS VOTING FOR SENEGAL RES WERE BAHRAIN, IRAQ, JORDAN, KUWAIT, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, OMAN,

QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, SUDAN, TUNISIA, UAE AND YEMEN.  
ARABS OPPOSED WERE ALGERIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, AND SOMALIA.  
MOST OF NEGATIVE CAME FROM AFRICANS (22 AND 32 NAYS).  
AMONG "NINE", BELGIUM, FRANCE, IRELAND, ITALY AND NETHER-  
LANDS VOTED FOR; REMAINDER ABSTAINED, AS DID SCANDINAVIANS.  
SPAIN VOTED FOR. TEN LATINS VOTED FOR, SEVEN ABSTAINED.  
MOST CARIBBEANS AND GUYANA VOTED NO. AS DEPARTMENT HAS  
NOTED, ZAIRE DID NOT CO-SPONSOR REV. 1 OF RES IT ORIGINALLY  
CO-SPONSORED. IT ABSTAINED ON VOTE ON REV. 1.

5. FULL VOTING SHEETS BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT (IO/UNP).  
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